

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5705  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, OTRA, BC

SUBJ: MCDONNELL DOUGLAS SALES TRIP

REF: STATE 180631

LUSAKA PLEASE PASS TO DOUGLAS REP DONAHUE

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO YOU CARE OF MCDONNELL  
DOUGLAS, LONG BEACH, BUT MAY HAVE FAILED TO REACH THERE  
PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE:

QUOTE:

AMBASSADOR NELSON DEPARTED EARLY MARCH. REGRETFULLY WE  
CAN FIND NO RECORD OF YOUR LETTER. BOTSWANA HAS NO AIR FORCE  
OR DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS OF ANY KIND AND WE HAVE NO KNOW-  
LEDGE OF GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST OR CAPABILITY TO PROCURE MILI-  
TARY AIRCRAFT OF THE C9B TYPE.

ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME YOUR VISIT, YOU MAY WISH TO RECON-  
SIDER YOUR ITINERARY TO THE BENEFIT OF HIGHER PRIORITY SALES  
TARGETS. UNQUOTE.

2. IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR ARRIVAL WE ARE CHECKING POSSIBLE  
CONTACTS FOR EXPLORATION OF SALE OF COMMERCIAL MODEL DC9,  
INCLUDING MANAGING DIRECTOR AIR BOTSWANA AND HEAD OF BOT-  
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SWANA CIVIL AVIATION. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, LOCAL AIRLINE OF-

FICIALS DOUBT THAT DC9 CAN OPERATE ON AIRFIELDS IN BOTSWANA  
DUE TO SHORTNESS OF THE RUNWAYS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INTEN-  
TIONS OF ENLARGING AIRFIELDS IN THE FUTURE.

3. IF YOU WISH, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR  
YOU AT HOLIDAY INN AND CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A CAR AND  
DRIVER RESERVED FOR YOU. LOCAL CAR RENTAL WITH DRIVER IS 15RAND  
PER DAY PLUS EXTRA CHARGE FOR LONG DISTANCE DRIVING. PLEASE  
CONFIRM ASAP.

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